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## BOARD OF REGENTS AWARDS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PERKINS RESERVE FUND GRANTS

### *Nine Institutions Receive Funding To Enhance Technical Education Programs*

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents announced that nine community and technical colleges will receive Career and Technical Education Perkins Reserve Fund Grant awards totaling \$514,280. The one-year grants provide support for innovative career and technical education programs, program delivery, or program expansion to meet critical workforce development needs. Funding for this grant is made available through Federal sources as part of the five-year Kansas State Plan for Career and Technical Education.

“These grants provide institutions with an opportunity to obtain the latest in technology and equipment to support students and industry in Kansas,” said Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents. “The availability and implementation of the latest in technology ensures that students are receiving a state-of-the-art education to meet critical workforce demands in high-demand occupations in healthcare and manufacturing.”

The grants were available to any community or technical college that currently offers approved career and technical education programs, are located in a rural part of the state, or have a high number or percentage of students in career and technical education programs. Priority funding consideration was given to proposals that targeted programs in the advanced manufacturing, aviation, energy, healthcare, and bioscience fields.

Twenty institutions submitted 26 proposals, totaling over \$2 million in funding requests. A review committee consisting of representatives from the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Department of Commerce reviewed the proposals and made recommendations to fund the following institutions and programs:

- **Fort Scott Community College** (Fort Scott): \$59,868 to purchase a Human PediaSIM for the Nursing/Allied Health Department. The simulation equipment will provide the latest technology for a clinical lab, controlled environment.
- **Highland Community College** (Highland): \$85,985 to support the purchase of adult and infant simulators for the Practical Nursing and Medical Office Assistant programs. These simulators are designed for use in teaching cognitive, critical thinking, and psychomotor skills.
- **Hutchinson Community College** (Hutchinson): \$52,415 to expand lab capacities for the Electrical Engineering Technology and Manufacturing Engineering Technology programs. This equipment

purchase will enable the college to replicate tuning and troubleshooting experiences comparable to a manufacturing setting.

- **Kansas City Kansas Community College** (Kansas City): \$67,949 to purchase 7 inverter multi-process welding packages to supporting Welding and Machine Technology programs. This new technology is more cost effective than a single process machine as it can easily switch between MIG, TIG and Stick processes.
- **Labette Community College** (Parsons): \$56,820 for the purchase of equipment and reference materials to support professional development for faculty, and to update the curriculum for the Computed Tomography (CT scanning) in the Radiology program. CT scanning is a frontline healthcare diagnostic tool that provides more detailed results than x-rays while avoiding the danger of radiation.
- **Manhattan Area Technical College** (Manhattan): \$47,529 to purchase equipment and materials and to provide support for an Allied Health Distance Learning Coordinator in partnership with Seward County Community College. Three new online programs will be offered in the northcentral/northeast region of Kansas beginning with Surgical Technology in 2009, followed by Medical Laboratory Technology in 2010, and Respiratory Therapy in 2011.
- **Neosho Community College** (Chanute): \$47,767 for purchase of a maternal/neonatal birthing simulator and a Nursing Anne, to support professional development for faculty, and to update curriculum in support of the Registered and Practical Nursing programs. This project will increase allied health and nursing lab experiences for students at both the Chanute and Independence campuses.
- **North Central Kansas Technical College** (Beloit and Hays): \$52,084 to support a Welding certificate program in partnership with Fort Hays State University. Current partnerships also exist with Sunflower Manufacturing in Beloit and Hess Services, Inc. in Hays.
- **Salina Area Technical College** (Salina): \$44,045 to purchase CNC lathes and parallel equipment in support of the Advanced Manufacturing program. The Salina area has an increased need for qualified machine operators who have both programming and skill in the CNC machine tool.

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***About the Kansas Board of Regents:***

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, a municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

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